

Common Brands with Available Generics²

BRAND NAME ³	GENERIC NAME	COMMONLY USED FOR ⁴
Accupril®/Accuretic®	quinapril/quinapril-hydrochlorothiazide	High Blood Pressure, Heart Failure
Allegra®	fexofenadine	Allergy
Biaxin®	clarithromycin	Infections
Celexa®	citalopram	Depression
Cipro®	ciprofloxacin	Infections
Diflucan®	fluconazole	Fungal Infections
Flonase®	fluticasone spray	Allergy
Glucophage® XR	metformin ext-rel	Diabetes
Hytrin®	terazosin	Enlarged Prostate
Lopid®	gemfibrozil	Cholesterol Lowering
Lopressor®	metoprolol	High Blood Pressure
Mobic®	meloxicam	Pain, Inflammation
Monopril®/Monopril-HCT®	fosinopril/fosinopril-hydrochlorothiazide	High Blood Pressure, Heart Failure
Motrin®	ibuprofen	Pain, Inflammation
Nitro-Dur® Transdermal	nitroglycerin transdermal	Chest Pain, Angina
Paxil®	paroxetine	Depression
Pravachol®	pravastatin	Cholesterol Lowering
Prilosec®	omeprazole	Ulcer, Heartburn
Procardia® XL	nifedipine ext-rel	High Blood Pressure
Proscar®	finasteride	Enlarged Prostate
Retin-A®	tretinoin	Acne
Ritalin® SR	methylphenidate ext-rel	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Tenormin®	atenolol	High Blood Pressure
Vicodin®	hydrocodone/acetaminophen	Pain
Wellbutrin® SR	bupropion ext-rel	Depression
Xanax®/Xanax® XR	alprazolam/alprazolam ext-rel	Anxiety
Zantac®	ranitidine	Ulcer, Heartburn
Zestril®/Zestoretic®	lisinopril/lisinopril-hydrochlorothiazide	High Blood Pressure, Heart Failure
Zithromax®	azithromycin	Infections
Zocor®	simvastatin	Cholesterol Lowering
Zoloft®	sertraline	Depression
Zovirax®	acyclovir	Viral Infections

¹The amount of your savings will be based on your benefit plan.

²This list is only a small sample of the many generic medicines that are available.

³Brand name drug examples are registered by pharmaceutical manufacturers and are not affiliated with Caremark. Listed products are for informational purposes only and are not intended to replace the clinical judgment of the prescriber. Listed products may be available generically only in certain strengths or dosage forms.

⁴This list indicates common uses for which the medicine is prescribed. Some medicines are prescribed for more than one condition. Please discuss all treatments with your doctor.

⁵A "generic alternative" is a therapeutic alternative utilizing a generic drug to treat the same condition.



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How can you save money?

Just Ask for Generics.SM

To save money on your prescriptions,

- Ask your doctor to prescribe generics and allow generic substitution at your local pharmacy.
- Say "yes" if your pharmacist asks whether you would like the generic equivalent of the brand name medicine your doctor prescribed.
- Go to www.caremark.com/countongenerics to see if a generic is available for a medicine you are taking or considering.
- Bring the attached list of brand and generic medicines to your pharmacy or doctor's office.
- If there is no generic equivalent for a brand name medicine you are prescribed, ask your doctor if there's a generic alternative⁵ available to treat your condition and if it would be right for you.

To learn more, check out the FDA and Caremark Web sites on generics:

www.fda.gov/cder/ogd
www.caremark.com/countongenerics

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What's the difference
between generic and
brand name medicines?

All the money you save.

*Each time you fill a
prescription, you could
save money by asking
for a generic medicine.*

*That could add up to
big savings in just a
short time. With*

*Caremark, plan
participants save an
average of 60%¹ on
out-of-pocket costs
when they choose a
generic instead of a
brand name medicine.*

**FDA-APPROVED
GENERIC MEDICINES
ARE JUST AS SAFE AND
EFFECTIVE AS BRAND
NAME MEDICINES**

Are there any other
differences between
generic and brand
name medicines?

*Yes. The name and how they look.
Not how they work.*

When the patent of a brand name medicine expires, other companies can make and sell the same medicine. It is sold under its chemical name, which is why it is called a "generic." Like their brand name counterparts, all generic medicines are tested and approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) before they can be sold to consumers.

In the United States, trademark laws do not allow a generic medicine to look exactly like its brand name counterpart. Therefore, you can expect a generic medicine to be a different color or a different shape than its brand name counterpart. However, the way it looks has no effect on how the medicine works.

**TO GAIN FDA APPROVAL, GENERIC
MEDICINES MUST PROVE THEY ARE EXACTLY
LIKE THEIR BRAND NAME EQUIVALENTS IN:**

- Safety
 - Identical active ingredients
 - Performance (how it works in the body)
 - Strength (e.g., 10 mg, 20 mg)
 - Dosage form (pill, liquid, cream, etc.)
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Are generics safe?
And effective?

Yes. The FDA makes sure of it.

The FDA puts each generic medicine through a rigorous quality control review process to ensure that generics are as safe and effective as the original brand name medicine. The manufacturing facilities must meet specific standards too. The FDA inspects more than 3,500 pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities each year to monitor how the medicines are made, processed, tested, packaged, and labeled.

Why do generic
medicines cost less?

Generics cost less because their manufacturers do not have to spend the hundreds of millions of dollars it takes to complete clinical studies on the new, original medicine. The brand manufacturer makes that investment. Therefore, it costs the generic manufacturer less to develop the same medicine. The savings are passed on to you.